

**Town of Odessa**  
**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2007 - 7:00 PM**  
**OLD ACADEMY BUILDING**

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor Kathy Harvey  
Council Member John Freeman  
Council Member Karlyn Grant  
Council Member Betts Jackson

Treasurer James Grant  
Secretary Jessica Norton

4 community members

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- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
- II. Roll Call- Jeff Glueck had notified the Mayor a week ago that he would be out of town on business and asked to be excused.

**MOTION BY KARLYN GRANT, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN:  
TO EXCUSE JEFF GLUECK.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

- III. Delaware State Police Report- Lt. Logan read the police report, attached hereto as Attachment B and added that 86 traffic arrests were made in the month of July. Mayor Harvey abashedly admitted that the stolen/recovered motor vehicle on the report was her own. She also reported that she had heard numerous complaints about young people loitering about Town after dark. Lt. Logan stated that the police have been instructed to do "crime prevention checks," stopping underage individuals who are out at night and asking what they are doing. The Mayor also posted the Town's curfew ordinance, which prohibits anyone under the age of 17 to be out after 9:00 PM. Lt. Logan encouraged residents to call the station if they witness curfew violations. Mayor Harvey thanked the State Police for the increase in traffic tickets issued, reminding that the intent is not to earn money but rather to ensure public safety by reducing speed.
- IV. Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting 7/2/07

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY KARLYN GRANT:  
THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON JULY 2, 2007 BE ACCEPTED.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

- V. Correspondence
  - A. Town Solicitor Cliff Hearn
  - B. Historic Commission member Karlyn Grant
  - C. Other correspondence pertaining to Old and New Business
- VI. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer Jim Grant read the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget Performance, attached hereto as attachments C and D respectively. He reported that taxes are coming in steadily and that he had received the MSAF check which will show up on next month's report. Audit materials have been sent to the accountant.

**MOTION BY KARLYN GRANT, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN:  
TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

- VII. Commission Reports
  - A. Planning- still working on draft ordinances
  - B. Historic- Karlyn Grant submitted a letter of resignation; Commission continues to look at draft design guidelines.
  - C. Trees- awarded two grants for planting and maintenance.
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Diemler Street Transfer Legal Costs- Correspondence from Cliff Hearn indicates a discrepancy. Mayor Harvey is awaiting a response from Cliff Bakhsh.
  - B. Trees Commission Appointment- no name at this time.
  - C. Speed Bumps- Secretary Jessica Norton emailed Representative Cathcart the morning following the last meeting. The Town awaits his response.
- IX. New Business
  - A. Old Academy Tree Removal- The Trees Commission collected bids for the removal of the dead sycamore tree behind the Old Academy. It needs to be removed as it poses a threat to neighboring homes. The Commission selected Beaver Creek, though the expense is outside of the Commission's budget.

**MOTION BY BETTS JACKSON, SECONDED BY JOHN  
FREEMAN: TO ACCEPT THE BID WITH BEAVER CREEK.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

- B. Reverse 911 Notification System Proposal- The Town of Middletown has purchased the Reverse 911 system, shared the information with the Town, and offered to extend their service to Odessa and Townsend with system

access and code. The system is designed to call homes in a designated area in case of emergency. Middletown paid about \$35,000 for the service and is offering to include Odessa for a portion of the maintenance cost, about \$1,140 per year. Council should read the information and be ready to discuss next month.

X. Next Meeting's Date and Time: Tuesday, September 4, 2007; 7:00 PM

XI. Adjournment

- A. The Town received correspondence from attorney Cliff Hearn regarding Capital Software. The Mayor indicated that the matter is now in his capable hands and we await a settlement.
- B. The Mayor thanked Sara Wozniak and the Appoquinimink River Association for the Dogi-Pots to be installed in the parks.
- C. Mayor Harvey complimented Shauna McVey of the Middletown Transcript for her concise and accurate reporting.

**MOTION BY KARLYN GRANT, SECONDED BY JOHN FREEMAN:  
THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 4 AYE, 0 NAY**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_